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NEWS OF THE MORNING.

On Friday yesterday Government bonds were quoted at 12% for 100% of 100%; 112% for 45%; sterling, \$4 84%; \$4 87; 103% for 3%; silver bars, 102%.

Silvers in London, 47 7 16d; consols, 99 5 16d; 5 per cent. United States bonds, extended, 105; 4 127 4 5d, 112%.

Mining stocks opened weaker in San Francisco yesterday morning, and continued in the same condition throughout the session.

In the Kowalsky case at San Francisco, growing out of the Sharon trial, the prisoner has been discharged.

Chris Bell was struck by an unknown assailant in the night. Tuesday night and received injuries from which he died yesterday.

W. Heath, a leading farmer of Merced county, has mysteriously disappeared.

The British Cabinet meets Monday.

A picture painted by General Grant is in possession of a commission merchant of Camden, N. J., who has refused an offer of \$5,000 for it.

Elijah Hotchkiss, a well-known resident, was found dead near City Hall yesterday.

Commodore Charles Lovell, U. S. N., is lying at death's door near Easton, Md.

The Rivers, Santa Ana and Los Angeles Railroad finished laying its rails to Riverside yesterday.

The elections in England will probably give the coalition of Tories and Parnellites a majority ten over the Liberals.

A large number of houses that cholera has become epidemic in Brittany, and is committing frightful ravages.

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THE MESSAGE.

As to the entire originality of the President's message no doubt can be entertained. It is an open and easily understood document, but by no means such a statesmanlike paper as was to have been expected. It disappoints a large element in the Democratic party. It deals, as is usual, with the reports of the several Departments, but in many essential matters it lacks vigor and that positiveness of recommendation that was expected and should have characterized so important a delivery. Moreover, it is silent on important topics.

The reference to the Chinese question is rather disappointing. When the President asserts that the opposition to the Chinese on this coast is due to race prejudice, he is at fault. The sentiment of this coast is flat opposition, straightforward and unmistakable, having for its basis the conviction that Chinese competition with white labor is destructive of American citizenship. This cannot be said to be race prejudice, for that implies an opposition due to one because of nationality or blood alone, and this is not true of the Pacific coast, since their objections are general and apply to any competition that is non-contributory to the material interests and destructive of local institutions of the Government. The right to restrict Chinese immigration the President, however admits, and he hopes for remedial measures, but beyond this Mr. Cleveland is not so positive upon the Chinese question as was expected, if his message is to be taken as the full measure of his interest in it. But it is better that he is in favor of some restrictive legislation than to be opposed to any.

Our foreign relations he reports to be generally satisfactory. He defends Mr. Kelley's appointment, and leaves the Austrian-Hungarian Mission unfilled, because that country objects to the presence of an American representative who had bitterly assailed one closely related to the ruling family in that Empire. It is by no means to be concluded that Austria is wrong and the President right. If we were in error in sending such a person to that court, we can afford to admit it frankly.

The President thinks the neutral character of the proposed Nicaragua canal would not be attained under the proposition to give it a seating of ownership by the United States. The references to the maintenance of the independence and open character of the Congo Basin, and readjustment of the fishery question in the North Atlantic are wise; but the assault upon all reciprocity treaty propositions is not desirable, nor do we find the President advancing any strong reasons for his position.

The President might easily have given point to his just statement that international copyright agreements are necessary, by advising that the "printing" clause be interpolated into the Dorsehimer bill. That would provide that foreign copyright books shall be printed in America, and thus at once remove the objections of printers, binders and publishers, that now clog the path to the desired end.

The recommendation that the Signal Service be made an independent department is a good one. The service has outgrown the War Department, and is only hindered now in its scientific advancement by army regulation and conservativeness.

The recommendation regarding reinvestment of trust funds is wise and in line with the best judgment. So, too, are the suggestions that uniformity be sought in our naturalization laws, and more character and dignity given to our consular service, by increasing compensation, and thus calling to the service better ability and more energy. He reports the foreign trade to be in our favor by about \$161,500,000, and that as to our revenue we shall in June next be some \$70,000,000 ahead.

He favors a reduction of the tariff upon necessities, while carefully protecting the products of labor, and insists that this does not involve the issues of free trade and protection, a proposition on which the whole country will express its disagreement, by at once proceeding more vigorously than ever to discuss them.

The President is clear and ringing on the proposition that civil service reformation is a reality, and that the reform has come to stay. He is unquestionably sincere in expressing the hope the time may never return when

GOVERNORS IN GESTATION.

Some Candidates for Governor and what the Politicians are Saying of Them.

On the silver question he reiterates his former views; urging a reduction of silver coinage. These points deserve treatment not possible to be given at this time. No new views and additional lights are contributed to the question by the message. Polygamy is condemned and its suppression demanded. The President could not have said anything else in that relation and have been honest and decent. It will be suppressed, and we believe President Cleveland will do all that an Executive can do to that end. The reference to the postal service is not deeply important, and so much as relates to the carriage of mails in foreign ports is excessive of the position of Secretary Vilas. But there is strength in the proposition that subsidy should flow from Congress, and not be covered under expenditure incident to the conduct of a Government Department.

The President favors reconstruction of the navy, greatly augmenting its strength and a thorough reorganization of the system. In this desire to assist the assault to which he agrees with the general judgment of the people.

Since the President is reported to say that to prevent the message being made out long, several sections treating of important public subjects were omitted from the document and reserved for a special communication to Congress, it is charitable to conclude that he has not ignored the living question of the improvements of the water-ways of the country, the condition of American shipping interests, our foreign commerce, etc.

The message will please the Democracy less than Republicans. It assails a vital principle of the President's party, which is distribution of Federal patronage to party servants alone. It is in that respect a concession to a reform against which the Democratic party is antagonized, while it will unite the silver men against the Administration.

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THE CALIFORNIA AND OREGON ROAD.

The action of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco upon the question of the completion of the California and Oregon Railroad testifies to the complete reversal of public sentiment in that city upon that topic. This representative body of the business life of San Francisco unequivocally declares that the completion of the road is of the highest importance to vital commercial interests.

It is also upon the question of the non-forfeiture of the land grant to the road. Less than three years ago such an expression could not be had from the business sense of San Francisco. The change in sentiment is due to the evolution of the truth by the attrition of circumstances. San Joaquin now realizes that her interest lies in the development of the interior of the State and in direct rail communication between the Columbia and the Gulf of Mexico. She is now convinced that her coast water line is inadequate to retain her northern trade, and that the whole north section of California must remain undeveloped until such time as a railroad penetrates the mountainous region upon the southern border of Oregon. Her business men are now convinced that the trust economy of the part of the Government resides in the grant of the lands as a basis for the construction capital needed for the work, for which the Chinese competition is a shadow.

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